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FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

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STATE FOR: A/OC/PE-EE; A/OC/S; A/SY/FO; A/FBO; OC/L; A/OC-NEA;
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SUBJECT: CCC RENOVATION

REF: A. DAMASCUS 3307, B. STATE 207808, C. ATHENS 6674

A. NOTWITHSTANDING PARA 1 OF REFTEL A, THE EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT THE PLANS FOR THE DAMASCUS CCC BE ALTERED TO PERMIT CONSTRUCTION OF A SMALL ROOM WITHIN ROOM 30, (AS PROPOSED IN REFTEL A) TO HOUSE THE DISINTEGRATOR TO BE USED BY SECTIONS OF THE EMBASSY OTHER THAN THE COMMUNICATIONS SECTION. THE EMBASSY'S REASONS FOR MAKING THIS PROPOSAL ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. THE DISINTEGRATOR WHICH WILL BE LOCATED IN ROOM 33 IS INTENDED FOR EXCLUSIVE USE BY CCC (SEE REFTEL C).

2. ROOM 33 WILL NOT, RPT. NOT, BE ACCESSIBLE TO THE MARINES, NOR OTHER MEMBERS, OF THE STAFF AFTER DUTY

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HOURS WHEN NON-COMMUNICATIONS CLASSIFIED MATERIAL

IS DESTROYED.

3. FOR SECURITY REASONS THE CHANCERY DISINTEGRATOR MUST BE SITUATED ABOVE THE SECURITY BARRIER LOCATED ON THE STAIRS BETWEEN THE GROUND AND FIRST FLOORS. THERE IS NO SPACE ABOVE THE GROUND FLOOR TO SUITABLY LOCATE THE CHANCERY DISINTEGRATOR EXCEPT IN THE PROPOSED SPACE IN ROOM 30. TO TRY TO LOCATE IT IN THE STAIRWAY WOULD CREATE AN UNACCEPTABLE SAFETY HAZARD.

B. POST RECOMMENDS AGAINST WIDENING DOORWAY BETWEEN ROOM 30 AND 22 SINCE THIS WOULD INVOLVE ALTERATION TO A LOAD-BEARING WALL. POST STILL FEELS THAT BEST SOLUTION TO AIR CONDITIONING PROBLEM WOULD BE TO INSTALL ADDITIONAL AIR HANDLER UNIT IN ROOM 22 AS SUGGESTED IN REFTEL A. IF THIS NOT FEASIBLE AN ADDITIONAL WINDOW A/C UNIT SHOULD BE PROVIDED BY DEPT. FOR INSTALLATION NEXT TO A/C NO. 1 (REFTEL B PARA 2B).
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